FINANCE SECRETARIAT

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BANGALORE.
Dated 15th December 1964.

Subject :—Old-Age Pension Scheme.

ORDER

The question of sanctioning the scheme for the grant of pension to destitute persons who are 70 years or over as a measure of social security was under consideration of Government for some time past. A statement to this effect was made on the floor of the Legislative Assembly while presenting the Budget Estimates for the year 1964-65 that a Scheme for relief to destitute old people was under preparation and it was proposed to give effect to the same during 1964-65. Accordingly, sanction is accorded to the scheme for the grant of pension to all destitute people who are 70 years old or more or who are incapacitated to earn due to blindness, leprosy, insanity, paralysis or loss of limbs and are not less than 65 years of age. The general Rules relating to the scheme are contained in the Annexure to this Order.

The scheme will be effective from 1st January 1965.

The Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners will issue suitable instructions to the Sub-Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to take suitable action to implement the Scheme. They will also keep a watch over the implementation of this scheme and submit a report to Government on the working of the Scheme by the 1st January 1966.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

M. VEERARAJ URS,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department

ANNEXURE

Old-Age Pension Scheme

1. These rules may be called 'The Mysore Old-Age Pension Rules'.

2. They shall be applicable throughout the Mysore State.

3. These rules shall come into force on 1st January, 1965.

4. They shall apply to all destitutes as defined in Rule (5).

5. A person will be deemed to be a destitute if he or she satisfies the following conditions :—

(i) He or she should be 70 years or more in age.

(ii) In the case of those who are incapacitated to earn a living due to blindness, leprosy, insanity, paralysis or loss of one or more limbs, he or she shall be not less than 65 years of age.

(iii) He or she should have no income or source of income to maintain himself or herself.

(iv) He or she should be residing in this State continuously for a period of not less than three years preceding the date of his or her application for the old-age pension.

(v) He or she should have no relations of the following category :— (*a*) Son, Son's son, who are 20 years or more in age (*b*) Husband or Wife.

Note :—A person will be deemed to have no such relations if all the relatives falling within the categories specified above are (*a*) themselves without any income or source of income, or (*b*) continuously missing for over seven years and those facts are established to the satisfaction of the sanctioning authority.

Explanation :—(1) Where both the wife and the husband are destitutes according to above definition, each of them will be eligible for a pension.

(2) Where a destitute eligible for pension under this scheme is insane or of unsound mind, a guardian who undertakes by executing an agreement to support the destitute should be appointed by the sanctioning authority and pension should be paid only to such guardian.

Note :—(1) Professional beggars and mendicants shall not be considered to be destitutes. But persons who are not actually beggars by profession but sometimes receive occasional assistance from some people may be allowed the pension if they are 'destitutes'.

(2) In the case of persons who are eligible for pension under this Rule and are maintained at poor houses or similar charitable institutions, the pension shall be paid to the institutions, on their making an application to the sanctioning authority with all the necessary details as in the case of individual applicants. If such institutions are already receiving aid for the purpose from Government the grant payable under these rules will be restricted to the difference only, if any, payable thereunder.

6. Civil or Military Pensioners, who satisfy the conditions in Rule 5 are also entitled to the benefits of the Old-Age Pension, if the Civil/Military pension including dearness allowance drawn by them is less than Rs. 15 per month subject to the proviso that the amount of Old-Age Pension payable to them will be only the difference.

7. The amount of pension will be Rs. 15 per month irrespective of the locality in the State in which the destitute may be residing.

9. A pension under these rules will be tenable till death or until a relative falling under the category referred to at 5 (v) (a) above who was below the age of 20 years at the time of grant of pension, attains 20 years. It shall also cease as soon as any circumstances happen which terminate the destitute status of the pensioner.

10. In the case of pensions sanctioned for a limited period under rule 8 *supra*, pension will cease thereafter. But, Government will have discretion to continue the pension for a further period not exceeding one year in exceptional circumstances.

11. The Government in the Finance Department will sanction the pension on the recommendation of the Revenue Sub-Divisional Officer.

12. The Revenue Sub-Divisional Officer or his Subordinate Officers shall take steps to enquire into the eligibility of a destitute for pension under these rules in any one of the following circumstances :—

(i) On an application from the destitute ; or

(ii) In the case of an insane destitute, on an application made by a person willing to function as the guardian of the destitute and to undertake to support him with the help of the pension ; or

(iii) On an intimation with necessary particulars (in Form OAPS I) made by a Member of the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Legislative Assembly ; Legislative Council or a Panchayat President or the Manager of a poor house or charitable institution, or a Gazetted Government Servant of the State or Central Government ; or

(iv) *Suo motu.*

13. Applications for Old-Age Pension or an intimation under rule 11(iii) shall be sent in duplicate to the Tahsildar of the Taluk in which the destitute ordinarily resides. No court-fee stamp need be affixed to the application. Application forms can be obtained from the Taluk Offices, Offices of Panchayats, Village Officers, Municipal Offices and the Office of the Corporation of Bangalore. If printed forms are not available, the application may be submitted in Form OAPS I written on plain paper.

14. The applications or the information received under rule 11 shall be entered by the Tahsildar in a register maintained in Form OAPS II.

15. Before enquiring into the case of a destitute, the Tahsildar shall verify the previous entries in the register in OAPS II to ascertain whether the case of the same destitute has been already considered and if so, the way in which it has been disposed of. He shall then proceed to verify with reference to the Electoral Rolls, the National Register of Citizens and other sources, the age, domicile, residence and economic condition (*i.e.*, the absence of any income or source of livelihood) of the applicant and the statement that he/she has no relatives such as those specified in rule 5 (v) to support him/her. For the purpose of verification, the Tahsildar may conduct enquiries personally or through his subordinates. The Enquiring Officer shall not in any case be lower in rank than a Revenue Inspector. The Enquiring Officer shall personally see the destitute or his/her guardian and such other persons he considers necessary to satisfy himself about the genuineness and eligibility of the case. He shall submit his report to the Tahsildar with his specific recommendation. In cases where action is initiated otherwise than under clause (i) or (ii) of rule 11, the Enquiring Officer shall complete the Form OAPS I himself by enquiring the destitute or his/her guardian and obtain his/her signature or thumb-impression.

15. Verification of age will be done with reference to the Electoral Rolls and the National Register of Citizens of the area concerned. The Enquiring Officer may also verify it from such other sources as are available so as to be reasonably satisfied about the statement of the applicant. In cases where the statement of the applicant is not supported by records or enquiry and the Tahsildar after personal interview feels a genuine doubt as to his age, he may call for the opinion of the medical officer of the nearest Government Hospital or L.F. Dispensary or Primary Health Centre and then arrive at his conclusion regarding age.

16. In cases where a person is a destitute within the meaning of rule 5 by virtue of any of his/her relatives of the categories mentioned in that rule being less than 20 years of age, the Tahsildar shall carefully ascertain, by such verification and enquiry as are necessary, the correct ages of such relatives and incorporate them in his report. In such cases the pension shall be sanctioned only up to the date on which any of the relatives will attain the age of 20.

17. After vertification, the Tahsildar shall fill up a report in Form OAPS III and send it with the application to the Revenue Sub-Divisional Officer. The other copy of the application will be filed in the Taluk Office. The Sub-Divisional Officer shall call for such further particulars as he may consider necessary. On being satisfied of the 'destitute' status of the applicant he will forward the application together with this report to the Finance Department direct for sanction. The order sanctioning pension will be communicated in Form OAPS IV to the Accountant General, the Tahsildar, the Pensioner and the District Treasury Officer. Such sanctions shall be communicated to the Village Officers concerned by the Tahsildars. The District Treasury Officer and the Tahsildar will maintain a register in Form OAPS V of persons who have been sanctioned pensions under these rules, entries in such register being attested personally by them. The Register kept by the District Treasury Officer will serve also as a register of pension payment orders. Persons whose applications are rejected shall be informed accordingly through the Tahsildars concerned.

18. The pension sanctioned under this scheme will not be liable to attachment under any process of law.

19. The Revenue Sub-Divisional Officer may propose the stoppage of a pension if, in any case, it is found that it was sanctioned on mistaken grounds or false information, or the conditions for the grant of pension no longer exist (*i.e.*, by the pensioner resorting to habitual begging etc.) He may also propose the stoppage of pension to the guardian of an insane destitute if it is found that the guardian is not supporting the destitute. Pension shall also be stopped in case the pensioner be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. The Revenue Inspector and the Patel of the Village will be held responsible for furnishing earliest information under this rule. (see also Rule 20.)

20. The Shanbhog or the Village Accountant of each village shall maintain a register of destitute pensioners for the village in Form OAPS V. It shall be his duty to intimate in Form OAPS VI to the Tahsildar and to the District Treasury Officer, the death of a pensioner or a change in his/her address. He shall also make a report in cases where the guardian of an insane pensioner is not supporting the pensioner. The Village Register in Form OAPS V shall be open to inspection by officers of the Revenue Department not lower in rank than a Revenue Inspector. It shall be the duty of those officers while camping in the village to verify the existence of the pensioner and report the facts to the Tahsildar wherever necessary.

21. Each Tahsildar shall make in respect of pensioners in his area half-yearly verification of the fact that the pensioner is alive and continues to be a destitute person as prescribed in Rule 5 and in the case of insane destitutes that the guardians have been supporting the destitutes. The verification shall be made by the Tahsildar immediately after the close of each half-year once in April and

again in October and a report sent to the Revenue Sub-Divisional Officer and the District Treasury Officer by the 15th May, and 15th November every year. The report should also contain the names and penson numbers of pensioners who are no longer alive or who have ceased to be destitute persons.

22. The District Treasury Officer shall be the authority for the payment of pension.

23. The pension shall be payable with effect from the date of order of the sanctioning authority.

24. The pension shall become due for payment only on the expiry of the month to which it relates.

25. The pension under this scheme is not commutable.

26. In the case of death of a destitute pensioner the undrawn pension till the date of his death shall lapse, except in the case of destitute pensioners under the charge of poor Houses or other charitable institutions.

27. It shall be the duty of the pensioner to intimate any change of his address to the Tahsildar who will in turn advise the District Treasury Officer who pays the pension.

28. The amount of pension shall be remitted to the pensioner to his address monthly through postal money order without deducting the money order commission.

29. The District Treasury Officer shall arrange the remittance of pensions not later than the fourteenth of every month. For this purpose a register in Form OAPS VII shall be used and it will be kept Taluk-wise.

30. Every money order form shall be stamped prominently with the words "Mysore Old-Age Pension" in Rubber Stamp. The money order acknowledgement also shall be stamped with the words 'Mysore Old-Age Pension" the month to which the pension relates being added in manuscript at the time of issuing the money order. Particular care should be taken before the issue of a money order to see that correct and complete information of the name and address of the payee is given. A record of each payment shall be made in the appropriate column of the register of pension payment (Form OAPS VII). The District Treasury Officer shall sign the money order and initial the entries in the register after carefully comparing the concerned documents.

31. No remittance shall be made for a month unless the money order acknowledgement for the previous month has been obtained and a note to that effect has been recorded in the above register or till satisfactory proof is available that the money has been correctly paid to the pensioner for the previous month.

32. The District Treasury Officer shall attest personally all entries in the Old-Age Pension Payment Order Register of the Treasury—Form OAPS V. Whenever any intimation necessitating the correction of the entries in the registers like death of pensioner or change of address is received the entries should be made in the registers—Form OAPS V and VII under his attestation.

33. Payee's acknowledgements for all remittances shall be watched in the District Treasury and on receipt shall be serially arranged and recorded in the Register (Form OAPS VII) stamped 'Cancelled' and retained in the Treasury. If the receipt of the payee's acknowledgement is delayed longer than 30 days from the date of issue of the money order or if a complaint is received regarding non-payment, the District Treasury Officer shall forthwith institute necessary enquiries with the postal authorities and also cause necessary investigation through the Revenue authorities.

34. The Tresury Officer will follow *mutatis mutandis* the procedure applicable to civil pensions for remitting these pensions by money orders and for watching the acknowledgements thereof.

35. Every pensioner will be provided with an identification card furnishing therein his marks of identification, his passport size photo, the amount of pension payable to him, and the conditions of pension in case of terminable pension. Pensioners will be bound to produce this ticket to the postman delivering the money order or to the Tahsildars and his Subordinate Officers making any enquiries in connection with his pension. The loss of pension ticket will entail the stoppage of pension until it is proved to the satisfaction of the Tahsildar that the loss was due to reasons beyond the control of the pensioner.

36. All the acknowledgements of payments by money orders shall be filed in the treasury after scrutinizing whether the payment has been received by the addressee. In the cases where payment has been received by a person other than the addressee and fraud is suspected the Treasury Officer shall address the Tahsildar to institute necessary enquiries in the matter.

37. The amount of undisbursed pension shall be treated as abatement of charge under the head of account "65 Pensions and other Retirement Benefits" to which the amounts of money orders issued will be debited. A monthly detailed schedule of such undisbursed pensions shall be forwarded to the Accountant General by the District Treasury Officer showing the number and date of the Chalan, the month to which the pension relates, the name and account number of the pensioners for necessary adjustment of the amount to the expenditure head.

38. In the case of a change of address of the pensioner brought to the notice of the Tahsildar either by the pensioner or by the Village Officers, the following procedure shall be adopted. If the new address is within the same taluk, the Tahsildar shall carry out the corrections in his registers and also intimate the necessary details to the District Treasury Officer for making necessary corrections at his end. He shall also take steps to verify whether the conditions for the continued grant of pension exist. If the new address lies in some other taluk, within the District the Tahsildar shall forthwith intimate the change of address to the other Tahsildar and the District Treasury Officer. The former shall thereupon take steps to ascertain the existence of the pensioner within his taluk and if the conditions exist for the continued grant of pension make necessary entries in Register in Form OAPS II and intimate the change to the District Treasury Officer who shall thereupon mention the new Taluk in place of the old in the Pension Payment Order Register and transfer the pension from the old taluk to the new one in the Register of Pensions remitted by money order—Form OAPS VII. Further payment of pension will not be made until receipt of the report of the Tahsildar of the new taluk furnishing the identification of the pensioner and his opinion about the pensioner's continued destitute status.

39. On receipt of intimation of the death of a pensioner, the District Treasury Officer shall take steps to have necessary entries made in his registers in Form OAPS V and VII and to stop further remittances.

40. The expenditure on the Old-Age Pension Scheme shall be debited to a new head "Old-Age Pension" under '65 Pensions and other Retirement Benefits'. The money order commission shall however be debited to the "19 General Administration—Old-Age Pension Scheme". The expenditure on the extra staff employed on the scheme will also be debited to the same head.

FORM—OAPS—I

Application for Old-Age Pension.

District.....
Taluk.....
Village.....
Town.....

1. Name of the applicant

2. Male or Female

3. Name of the father or husband

4. Full address

5. (*a*) Whether the applicant is incapacitated to earn living due to blindness, leprosy, insanity, paralysis or loss of limb. If so, give details.

   (*b*) Age (Age on the date of application). (Proofs for the stated age enclosed/not enclosed. If enclosed, whether they are original or copies).

6. Identification Marks—

   1.
   2.

7. Details of the applicant's relatives and their ages—

   (*a*) Son/Sons Age
   (*b*) Son's son/Sons Age
   (*c*) Wife/Husband Age

8. The economical position of the relative/ relatives referred in item 7 *supra* and how they are eking out their livelihood at present.

9. Whether any of the relatives is continuously missing. If so, the details (name, age, date from which missing, etc.)

10. I hereby certify that—

   (*a*) I have no income or source of income for living.

   (*b*) I have/have not submitted applications for the grant of old-age pension previously.

   (*c*) I am a native of Mysore State/I am domiciled in Mysore State for the past_____years.

   (*d*) All the particulars furnished by me are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place.....
Date.....

**Signature of the applicant or left thumb-impression.*

*In case the destitute is unable to sign or affix his/her thumb impression, because of insanity, the application may be signed by the guardian who undertakes to support the destitute with the pension.

11. *Certificate—

I know Shri/Shrimathi_____(Son/Wife of _____) for the last_____years. I certify that the information furnished above by him/her is correct to the best of my personal knowledge. His/Her identification marks are given below :—

1.
2.

He/She is sane/insane.

Date *Signature of the person who gives the certificate with full address and designation.*

*This certificate shall be furnished by a member of the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Council, Municipal Council, Corporation Council or a Panchayat President or the Manager of a poor house or similar charitable institution or a Gazetted Government Servant of the State or Central Government.

FORM—OAPS—II

Register of Applications for Old-Age Pension

Taluk..... *District*.....

Serial Number	Name of the applicant and name of father/husband	Full Address	Name and full address of Guardian, if any	If it is a case under rule 11(iii)or (iv), the details	Date of receipt of the application	Date of forwarding the Application for enquiry	Date of report of the enquiring officer	Date of forwarding the application to the sanctioning authority	Substance of the recommendation	Orders of Sanctioning Authority and reference Number	PPO No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

FORM—OAPS—III

Report of the Tahsildar.

I have made necessary enquiries as required in the rules and submit the following report :—

1. The age furnished by the applicant may be/may not be accepted for the following reasons (here give full details regarding the result of verification of the electoral roll/ National Register of Citizens and other processes of verification if any).	
2. The applicant has/does not have any income or source of income. (Add further remarks on this point if necessary).	
3. Other particulars furnished by the applicant are correct.	
4. *This is the first/second/third application of the applicant. The orders passed on the previous applications are :—	
5. Other particulars, if any.	
6. I enclose Form OAPS-I, with all the enclosures and the following statements and records.	
7. *I recommend the grant of old-age pension to the applicant till death/up-to————	
I do not recommend the grant of old-age pension to the applicant for the reasons stated below :—	

Place_____

Date_____ Signature of the Tahsildar.

Seal.

*Irrelevant portion shall be scored out.

FORM OAPS IV

Order of sanction of pensions

No

MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BANGALORE.

Dated ....

Subject: Pension—Old-Age Pension Scheme

Reference:—

Sanction is accorded to the payment of an Old-Age Pension of Rs. _____ _____ per mensem to Shri/Shrimathi_____ _____ residing at_____ with effect from_____ _____ till death or up to_____ i.e., till his/her_____ attains the age of 20 years) whichever is earlier.

2. The identification marks of the pensioner are:

(1) _____

(2) _____

3. Payment shall be made by money orders by the District Treasury Officer _____

4. *As Shri/Shrimathi_____ _____ is insane, the pension shall be paid to Shri/Shrimathi _____ residing at _____ _____ who has undertaken to support the destitute. The pension shall be payable to Shri/Shrimathi _____ only so long as he/she continues to support the pensioner.

5. *As Shri/Shrimathi_____ is an inmate of the _____ pension shall be payable to this institution. The pension shall be payable to the institution only so long as Shri/Shrimathi is an inmate of the institution.

6. The Pensioner/Payee should intimate any change of address at any time to the Tahsildar _____ without delay. Delay will result in the payment of pension being postponed.

7. This order is liable to cancellation if it is found that the pension was sanctioned on mistaken grounds or on false information.

By Order and in the Name of the Governor of Mysore.

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(Under Secretary to Government).

To

The District Treasury Officer,_____

Copy to:—

The Pensioner/Payee.

The Headman_____ Village through the Tahsildar _____

The Accountant General, Mysore, Bangalore.

The Tahsildar _____ _____.

*Strike out if inapplicable.

FORM—OAPS—V.

Register of Pension Payment Order of Old-Age Pensions.

Taluk _____ *District* _____

Pension Payment Order Number	Name of the Pensioner with full address △	Name and full address of guardian, if any	Period		*Reference No. of the Sanctioning Authority	Amount of Pension	Date of expiry of Pension	Dated intials of Officer-in-charge	Remarks
			From	To					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

* To be filled up in red ink.

△ Enter the name of the Institution here if the pensioner is an inmate of a poor house.

FORM—OAPS—VI

Form of intimation of Death/Change of Address, etc., of Old-Age Pensioner.

District _____

Taluk _____

Village/Town _____

1. Shri/Shrimathi _____ Pension No. _____ died on the _____ day of _____ 19——.

2. Shri/Shrimathi _____ Pension No. _____ has changed his/her address as follows :—

_____

3. Shri/Shrimathi _____ Pension No. _____ has left the Village. His/Her address after leaving the Village is _____ /not known.

4. Shri/Shrimathi _____ guardian of Pension No. _____ no longer supports the pensioner.

5. Shri/Shrimathi _____ is no longer an inmate of _____ .

Place _____

Date _____

Seal

Signature of the Village Officer

(*Strike out whichever is not applicable)

FORM—OAPS—VII

Register of Payment of Old-Age Pensions

PART I/PART II

Serial Number	Pension number	Name of Pensioner and full address	Name of guardian and* full address in case of insane destitute	From	To	Dated initials of officer in-charge
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Payments—(*contd.*)

April		May		June		July	
Number and date of M.O. receipt.	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Payments—(*contd.*)

August		September		October		November	
Number and date of M. O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M. O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M. O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M. O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Payments—(*concld.*)

December		January		February		March		
Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Number and date of M.O. receipt	Date of actual payment as per acknowledgment	Date of death or termination of pension (to be attested by the officer-in-charge).
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

*Enter the name of the institution here if the applicant is an inmate of a poor house.